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April 3, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS--SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TASK FORCE ON NUTRITION (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve extension of the sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Task force on Nutrition to March 31, 2009.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION:

The sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Task force on Nutrition was inadvertently allowed to expire on September 30, 2004. Since such date, the Board has continued to appoint and reappoint members to the Los Angeles County Task force on Nutrition. Therefore, it is necessary for the Board to extend the sunset review date as requested by the Audit Committee to March 31, 2009.

On December 1, 1994, the Audit Committee submitted its initial report in response to your Board's instruction to review the effectiveness of County commissions, committees and task forces defined under Chapters I and IV of the Los Angeles County Committee Book. Consistent with your Board's instructions, the Audit Committee is submitting the results of the evaluation of the Los Angeles County Task force on Nutrition (TFN) performed by the Auditor-Controller, and the recommendations from the Audit Committee for further action by your Board.

During this review period, the TFN issued a Nutrition Guidelines Report to the Board and all County departments. The report recommended a nutritional program for every department. These programs focused on the unique challenges and pressures that each department faces. Reaction to the report was mixed. The Probation and Sheriff's Departments, including two supervisory offices, indicated that the guidelines were either too severe, or costly. However, the TFN continued to work on improving the nutritional programs at the juvenile detention centers and adult prisons, in an attempt to reduce negative behavior. As a result, the quality of the food in vending machines at the juvenile detention camps has improved. Based on TFN's recommendation, water is now sold in vending machines, instead of only sodas.

TFN recognizes the need for improving attendance and now meets at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration to make it easier for members to attend the meetings. The TFN is also working with the Board to increase the number of commission members to ensure quorums at each meeting.

FISCAL/FINANCING IMPACTS:

None.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The TFN was established by Board Order No. 105 September 22, 1981. The most recent extension was approved by the Board in January 1999. The Board approved sunset review date for the Commission was September 30, 2004.

The TFN duties include studying and reporting to the Board on issues of proper nutrition as factors in reducing criminal behavior.

The TFN consists of twelve (12) members, appointed by the Board, and is required to meet monthly. The TFN receives support from one staff member in the Department of Health Services and does not have a separate budget or an estimate of its annual expenses.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Extending the sunset review date for TFN will allow this body to continue to focus on new programs to enhance nutrition education in County institutions, such as nutrition classes for female inmates, and the wards of the new Twin Towers' Lynwood facility. The TFN is also developing a checklist to evaluate the quality of County facility nutrition programs. The TFN also plans to host a symposium for all County employees on diabetes, colon cancer, and obesity.

Respectfully submitted,



LOUISA OLLAGUE
Chairperson, Audit Committee

cc: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors
Commission Services
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Chair, Task Force on Nutrition



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AGENDA ITEM _____

January 24, 2007

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TO: Audit Committee

FROM: J. Tyler McCauley *tm*
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TASK FORCE
ON NUTRITION**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors to extend the Los Angeles County Task Force on Nutrition's sunset review date to March 31, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Task Force on Nutrition (TFN or Task Force) was established by the Board of Supervisors' (Board) Order No. 105 of September 22, 1981. The most recent extension was approved by the Board in January 1999.

The TFN monitors the nutrition at County institutions, and arranges for nutrition education programs in County departments. The Task Force's duties include studying and reporting to the Board on the issues of proper nutrition as factors in reducing criminal behavior.

The TFN has twelve members appointed by the Board. Task Force members do not receive compensation. The TFN is required to meet monthly. From January 1, 2000 through March 31, 2006, the TFN met 59 times, with an average attendance of 3.5 members (29%). The TFN receives support from one staff member in the Department of Health Services (DHS) and does not have a separate budget. The TFN does not have an estimate of its annual expenses.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

JUSTIFICATION

The TFN advises County departments and institutions on how to improve their nutrition programs. The TFN also attempts to promote the importance of good nutrition. During this review period, the TFN issued a Nutrition Guidelines Report to the Board and all County departments. The report recommended a nutritional program for every department. These programs focused on the unique challenges and pressures that each department faces. Reaction to the report was mixed. For example, the Probation and Sheriff's Departments, as well as two Supervisorial offices, indicated that the guidelines were either too severe, or too costly. However, the TFN continued to work on improving the nutritional programs at the juvenile detention centers and adult prisons, in an attempt to reduce negative behavior. As a result, the quality of the food in vending machines at the juvenile detention camps has improved. For example, based on TFN's recommendation, water is now sold in vending machines, instead of only sodas.

The TFN has some areas that require improvement. Specifically, on average, less than one-third of the commissioners attend the TFN's meetings. In addition, the TFN's Nutrition Guidelines Report was not well received. The Task Force recognizes these issues, and is taking action to address them. To improve attendance, the TFN now meets at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration to make it easier for members to attend. The TFN is also working with the Board to increase the number of commission members to ensure quorums at each meeting. The Commission also plans to focus on new programs to enhance nutrition education in the County institutions, such as nutrition classes for the female inmates, and the wards of the new Twin Towers' Lynwood facility. The TFN is also developing a checklist to evaluate the quality of County facility nutrition programs. The TFN also plans to host a symposium for all County employees on diabetes, colon cancer, and obesity.

Based on the TFN's plans to improve its effectiveness, we recommend the Audit Committee propose a two-year sunset extension for the Commission. At the end of the two years, we will conduct another sunset review to determine whether the TFN has improved and should be extended for a longer period.

Please call me if you have any questions.

JTM:MMO:JLS:MR

Attachments

- c: Ivy Leeson, Chair, Task Force on Nutrition
- Eileen Crowe, Senior Secretary, Probation Department
- Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
- Jim Corbett, Manager, Commission Services

machines at the juvenile detention camps has improved. For example, water is now provided in the vending machines instead of only sodas. **SATISFACTORY**

Section 5. Objectives. (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

The TFN advises the County departments and institutions on how they can improve their current nutrition programs. The TFN also attempts to promote the importance of good nutrition. For example, the TFN plans to focus on new programs to enhance nutrition education in the County institutions, such as nutrition classes for the female inmates, and the wards of the new Twin Towers' Lynwood facility. The TFN is also developing a check list that will evaluate the quality of various County facilities' nutrition programs. The list will report the quality of the facilities' food budgets, storage, schedules, consumption, waste, and meals. The TFN also plans to host a symposium for all County employees on diabetes, colon cancer, and obesity. **RELEVANT**

Section 6. Resources. (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

The Task Force receives support from one staff member from the Department of Health Services and does not have a separate budget. The TFN does not have an estimate of its annual expenses. **WARRANTED**

Section 7. Recommendation.

EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TASK FORCE ON NUTRITION TO MARCH 31, 2009.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TASK FORCE ON NUTRITION
ATTENDANCE RECORD

Attachment II

Commissioner	Nominated by	3/31/00	6/30/00	9/30/00	12/31/00	3/31/01	6/30/01	9/30/01	12/31/01	3/31/02	6/30/02	9/30/02	12/31/02	3/31/03	6/30/03	9/30/03	12/31/03	3/31/04	6/30/04	9/30/04	12/31/04	3/31/05	6/30/05	9/30/05	12/31/05	3/31/06	Totals	% Attended	
Number of Meetings per Quarter		2	3	3	2	3	3	(a)	3	3	3	2	2	(a)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	(a)	2	2	2	59	
Patricia G. Williams	2nd District																												
Ruth Lyons-Friedman	3rd District	2	2	1	2	2		D	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	14	38%	
Ivy Leeson	4th District							D	3	2	1	2	2	1	0									2			21	60%	
Made Andrews	4th District							D	3	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	28	61%	
Richard P. Huemer, M.D.	5th District	2	0	3	0	2	3	D	1	1	2	2	1									2	2	2	1	7	78%		
Theodora Pariani	5th District							D	1	2	2	2	1														17	59%	
Eleanor Duffy	5th District							N	2	2	2	2	1									0	0	2	2	22	55%		
Barbara L. Boone	5th District	2	3	3	2	3	3	N	1	1	1	0	0													3	19%		
William Wolpin, Ph.D.	5th District	1	2					O	3	3	3	2	2									3	2			56	95%		
Derek S.W. Ma	5th District							D																			3	60%	
Shirley Atrow-Beiling	5th District							A		2	0	0	0														2	20%	
Ray Hernandez	5th District							V		1	1	0	1														3	30%	
Matthew P. Lynch	5th District	1	0	1	0	1	0	A					1		2	3	3	2	3	1	3	2	1			21	66%		
Eve L. Wang	5th District	0	0	0	0	0	0	I																			3	19%	
Sandra Valentine	5th District	1	1	1	1	1	0	I																			0	0%	
Totals		9	8	9	5	9	9	I	10	14	13	10	11	0	11	12	11	8	6	7	11	11	7	0	9	5	205	31%	
Footnote Legend:		Average Attendance Per Meeting																									3.5		
Attendance records for this committee will be available for review at the following location:																													

Footnote Legend:
(a) Attendance records for this quarter could not be provided for review.